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CITY OF SEATTLE **UNITY DAY**

2019 5th Annual

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Seattle First Baptist Church

7:00PM Program

6:00PM Reception

6:30PM Reception Program

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, Honorary Co-Chair

Council President Bruce Harrell, Honorary Co-Chair

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Seattle Office for Civil Rights

Seattle Parks & Recreation

Seattle Police Department

Seattle Public Utilities

Affinity Group:

Seattle Public Utilities - AAAG



Seattle First Baptist Church

5:30pm Doors open

6:00pm Reception

6:30pm **Reception Program**

Isiah Anderson, Emcee

Music – Sea-Town All Stars (Band)

Brandon Marsalis

“La Reve”(The Dream)

Yirim Seck

Native Drum Group & Ceremonial Prayer (3-5 mins)

Cecile Hansen, Tribal Chairwoman, Duwamish Tribe

Honoring the Veterans of Seattle’s Civil Rights Campaigns

7:00pm **Main Program**

Anthems – “Tomorrows Stars,” Teen Summer Musical, Seattle Parks

Welcome – Mayor Jenny Durkan

Presentation of Mayoral/Council Proclamation – Mayor Jenny Durkan

Music – Josephine Howell and Sea-Town All Stars (1 song)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Council President Bruce Harrell

7:20pm Hill Harper, Keynote speaker

8:10pm Q&A

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

-James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

HONORING THE LEGENDS OF SEATTLE'S CIVIL RIGHTS AND LABOR CAMPAIGNS

THE Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History PROJECT

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Acevez, Pedro
Aguayo, Emilio
Adams, Jean “Maid”
Alaniz, Yolanda
Adams, Rev. John H.
Alexander, Belle
Amen-Allah, Kenyatto
Aragon, Teresa
Bocanegra, Juan Jose
Botzer, Marsha
Bennett, Ramona
Bullitt, Katherine “Kay”
Bill, Willard
Burak, Tim
Caver, Vivian
Chew, Ron
Chin, Doug
Cook, Mark
Cordova, Fred and Dorothy
Cornish, Megan
Della, David
DeSiga, Daniel
Dixon, Aaron
Dixon, Elmer
Dixon, Michael
Domingo, Cindy
Domingo, Lynn
Durham, Heidi
Fiddler, Jake
Fox, Michael J.
Gallegos, Sidney
Gamboa, Erasmo

Gamboa, Guadalupe
Guillen, Rosalinda
Gutierrez Kenney, Phyllis
Gossett, King County
Councilmember Larry
Gurtiza, Richard
Hayasaka, Phil
Hawkins, Todd
Hollingsworth, Dorothy
Hobbs, Leon
Hubbard, Walter
Irigon, Francisco
Johnson, Judge Charles V.
Johnson, Doug
Johnson, Ron
Kato, Charles
King, Ivan
Lanier, Herman
Lewis, Janet
Lewis, Randy
Lowry, Former Governor Mike
Maeda, Sharon
Maestas, Roberto
Mangaoang, B.J.
Martinez, Frank and Blanca
Martinez, Ricardo
Matsuda, Larry
McKinney, Reverend Dr.
Samuel
Mercer, Lyle
Miranda, Carmen
Murray, Mike

Nelson, Lonnie
Ortega, Estela
Owens, Garry
Paul, Blair
Raymond, Jean
Reyes, Lawney
Riojas, Rogelio
Rodriguez, Jesus
Rosales, Oscar
Saldana, Senator Rebecca
Sanchez, Ricardo
Sandoval, Tomas and Julia
Santos, Uncle Bob
Sims, Beverly
Simmons, Fred
Singler, Joan
Smith, Justice Charles Z.
Sugiyama, Alan
Tagawa, Mike
Uhlman, Former Mayor Wes
Valentine, Bettylou
Veloria, Velma
Villanueva, Tomas
Welch, Sarah
West, Marion
White, Bobby
Whitaker, Alvin
Williams, Samseddin
Winslow, Barbara
Winters, Roger
Woo, Michael
Yates, John



Hill Harper Biography

Hill is the author of New York Times bestsellers: *Letters to a Young Brother*, *Letters to a Young Sister*, and *The Conversation*. *Letters to a Young Brother* was named “Best Book for Young Adults” by the American Library Association in 2007. His book, *Letters to an Incarcerated Brother: Encouragement, Hope, and Healing for Inmates and Their Loved Ones* was published in 2013. Hill is on a mission to fight our country’s obsession with “hyper-incarceration.”

In 2016, the national Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Lawyers’ Committee) – the nation’s largest nonpartisan voter election protection coalition formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy -- partnered with Hill, who serves as national spokesperson integrally involved in the organization’s work to expand access to and safeguard the right to vote throughout presidential election cycles.

“The right to vote is the most precious right in our democracy,” said Harper. “In order to help bring change to America and have your voice heard, we need to remember that every vote counts. Our vote counts. I am looking forward to support efforts aimed at protecting the right to vote and energizing the public to turnout and participate in every Election Day.”

Hill is known for his roles on *The Good Doctor*, *CSI:NY*, and *Limitless*. To date, his collective writing and acting work has been recognized with six NAACP Image Awards: Outstanding Literary Work: Debut Author (2007), Outstanding Literary Work: Youth/Teens (2007, 2008), and Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series (2007, 2008, 2009). Hill has also appeared in numerous prime-time television shows and feature films including *For Colored Girls*, *The Sopranos*, *ER*, *The Game*, *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *Lackawanna Blues*, *He Got Game*, *The Skulls*, *In Too Deep*, *The Nephew*, and *The Visit*.

Harper has long championed social justice causes. He is the founder of the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, dedicated to empowering, encouraging, and inspiring underserved youth to succeed through mentorship, scholarship and grant programs.

Hill graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from Brown University (and was valedictorian of his department) and cum laude with a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He also holds a master’s degree with honors from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and honorary doctoral degrees from Howard University, Winston-Salem State University, Cheyney University, Westfield State College, and Tougaloo College.



Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Jenny A. Durkan is the 56th Mayor of Seattle and the first woman to lead the City in nearly a century. She entered office on November 28, 2017 with the challenge of making Seattle affordable and inclusive for all. She is focused on the housing affordability crisis, helping those experiencing homelessness, creating economic opportunity for all, and providing free college tuition to Seattle’s high school graduates - while also delivering on basic city services. Prior to becoming Mayor, Durkan was a civic leader and nationally-recognized attorney. From 2009 to 2014, she served as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington, becoming the first openly gay U.S. Attorney in our country’s history. As a civic leader and advocate, she chaired a statewide task force on consumer privacy, which led to innovative protections for identity theft.

She served a three-year term on the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors and for over twenty years served on the Merit Selection Committee for the United States District Court, helping select the candidates for appointment to seven vacancies in the federal judiciary. She was a founding board member of the Center for Women and Democracy and trained women running for office in Morocco. She was the first citizen observer on Seattle Police Department’s Firearms Review Board and served on two blue-ribbon committees pushing for reforms at SPD. She helped establish drug and mental health courts in King County and create a specialized federal program to provide treatment alternatives to incarceration. Durkan was counsel in a range of significant cases, resulting in a number of government reforms, and was chair of the cyber-security practice for a global law firm. Mayor Durkan, one of eight children, was raised in Seattle. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame, taught school and coached girls basketball in a Yupik fishing village in Alaska, and then earned her J.D. at the University of Washington School of Law. She and her partner, Dana, have two sons.



Council President Bruce A. Harrell

Council President Bruce Harrell serves as the Chair of the Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee and Vice Chair of the Human Services, Equitable Development, and Renter Rights Committee. Every policy decision he makes is through the Race and Social Justice Legislation (RSJL) lens that he enacted in 2009 - the unprecedented RSJL legislation required Seattle to recognize both the diversity of our city and diversity of opinion before taking legislative and budget actions. Council President Harrell drafted and passed the Job Assistance bill that prohibits employers from asking first about an applicant’s criminal background during the initial job interview process. This is known as “Banning the Box.” Additionally, he drafted and passed new Bias-Free Policing legislation that was approved by both the DOJ Federal Monitor and the U.S. Federal Judge, as part of the consent decree. The new legislation is now a permanent part of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Council President Harrell sponsored several budget requests that could provide ongoing support to the Northwest African American Museum, as well as racially equitable organizations, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee. In addition, he co-sponsored the City’s first Indigenous Peoples’ Day Resolution on the second Monday in October, traditionally known as Christopher Columbus Day because of the recognition of what that day has meant for Native Americans. He authored a resolution which calls on City departments to convene a prisoner and community corrections re-entry work group to coordinate and strengthen the City’s efforts to assist re-entry. The work group is identifying areas where the City’s efforts would be strengthened by more effective coordination with other criminal justice agencies and develop a set of additional policies, ordinances, strategies, or programs the City can implement to facilitate prisoner re-entry and remove unnecessary barriers to employment and housing.